

An. Code, sec. 86. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 84. 1914, ch. 265, sec. 84.

99. The Board of Shell Fish Commissioners¹ of Maryland is hereby created. The said Board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a resident of one of the tidewater Counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, another a resident of one of the tidewater Counties of the Western Shore, and the third a resident of the City of Baltimore, and one of whom shall be a member of the minority party at the time of their appointment. The term of each of the members of said Board shall be two years from the first Monday in May after his appointment. They shall be appointed by the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland. No member of said Board of Shell Fish Commissioners shall be or become in any manner interested in any land leased or taken up for bedding, planting or cultivating oysters. The acts and duties to be done and performed by said Board under this sub-title may be done and performed by two of said Commissioners, and in all cases the decision of a majority of the Commissioners shall be binding. One of said Commissioners shall be designated by the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland as President, and his salary shall be two thousand dollars a year. The salary of each of the other Commissioners shall be eighteen hundred dollars a year. The said Commissioners shall be allowed to employ a Chief Clerk upon a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, and such assistants, not exceeding three in number, and not more than may be absolutely needed for the performance of the work of the Board, at graded salaries, to be paid by the Commissioners, not to exceed one thousand dollars a year for any such assistants, as it may deem necessary to aid it in the proper performance of its duties, as prescribed in this sub-title. The said Commissioners shall employ a competent surveyor, who shall also be a hydrographic engineer, upon a salary to be named by said Commissioners not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars a year. If the Commissioners deem it expedient to employ a hydrographic engineer, who is also a biologist, capable of investigating oyster propagation, an engineer of such qualification may, in their discretion, be employed. The sum of five hundred dollars *per annum* shall be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of said engineer, if he be a biologist, who shall, in that event, establish one or more stations for said investigation of oyster propagation. All salaries, outlays and disbursements authorized by this sub-title shall be paid out of the general treasury of the State of Maryland upon requisitions made by the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, endorsed by the Comptroller of the State, but the same shall be repaid out of the first revenues arising from the leasing of land for oyster culture contemplated by this sub-title. The Commissioners composing said Board shall, immediately after their appointment, file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals separate bonds, with a surety or sureties to be approved by the State Treasurer, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful

¹ By ch. 682 of acts of 1916 (art. 19A) the board of shell fish commissioners was superseded by the conservation commission. By ch. 29 of acts of 1922 (p. 68), the conservation commission was superseded by the conservation commissioner—see arts. 19A and 41.